

**Minutes of the City Council Meeting
Jennings City Hall
October 23, 2017 - 7:00 pm**

The two thousand three hundred sixty-eighth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Austin opened the public hearings.

7:00 p.m. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a youth dance studio at 8894 Jennings Station Road

Coryelle Abney spoke for the dance studio. Ms. Abney was requesting the conditional use permit to operate a youth dance studio at 8894 Jennings Station Road, specializing in auxiliary dance.

Mayor Austin asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Austin asked what would be the hours of operation. Ms. Abney responded that the hours would be weekdays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Councilman Wilson asked what is the cost for children to attend. Ms. Abney responded that the cost is \$40 per month for children. If they are on the competitive team, the cost is \$60 per month.

Councilwoman C. Epps asked what was the name of the dance type she mentioned. Ms. Abney responded that the dance type is auxiliary style dance which is a band term. They specialize in majorette dance, flag, baton twirling, and color guard. They also offer some introductory classes for introduction to dance, acrobatic, and things that go along with auxiliary dance.

Councilwoman Roberts asked what ages will be served. Ms. Abney responded with ages 3-17. She also asked what was the mission of the studio. Ms. Abney explained that she is a former HBCU majorette for Texas A&M University. She said she is originally from Kansas City and has a business in Kansas City. Ms. Abney said she moved to St. Louis two years ago. She started coaching and is currently the coordinator of the dance program at the YMCA. She said she wanted to separately teach auxiliary style because there are scholarship opportunities available at HBCU dance lines, especially when it comes to baton twirling. They are looking for baton twirlers to march in front of the band. A lot of people don't know about the scholarship opportunities that are available for the dancers. Ms. Abney wanted to start training the kids young so that they will have the opportunities that she had. She said she has been teaching for about 10 years and has about 28 years of dance experience.

Councilwoman Roberts asked what was the business name in Kansas City. Ms. Abney responded with Sassy Divas.

Mayor Austin asked if there were any more questions for the youth dance studio at 8894 Jennings Station Road.

Linda Schmerber asked if the studio was going to be at a house or commercial building. Ms. Abney responded that the studio would be in a commercial building. Linda asked what commercial building. Ms. Abney said it is in the commercial unit connected to the barber shop next door to the cleaners.

Mayor asked if there was anyone speaking against the conditional use permit to operate a youth dance studio at 8894 Jennings Station Road. There was no one.

Mayor Austin announced the public hearing was closed.

7:05 p.m. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an automotive repair and retailing of used automobiles at 8878 Jennings Station Road

Mayor Austin announced the opening of public hearing. She asked if there was anyone speaking for the condition use permit.

Mr. Henry Lindsey came forth to speak for the conditional use permit to operate an automotive repair and retailing of automobiles at 8878 Jennings Station Road.

Mayor Austin asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Lindsey.

Councilwoman Dugger asked if that was the one that George had. Mr. Lindsey responded with it is the same one. She asked if he was taking over ownership or leasing the building. Mr. Lindsey said he is leasing the building. He said it is a new operation. It's no longer George's.

Councilman R. Epps asked if he was doing mechanic work and selling automobiles. Mr. Lindsey said they will basically be selling cars. He said if they have a car that needs repair, they will take care of that. Councilman Epps tried to get clear by saying they are basically selling cars. Mr. Lindsey agreed. He said that they would do small repairs. For example, if someone in the neighborhood needed air in the tires, brakes fixed, or fluid, they would service them, but not for major repairs.

Councilman Epps asked if there was any idea of the number of car spaces. Mayor Austin responded with there are seven spaces that can be on the front and there was one in case someone had a flat. Mr. Lindsey clarified that there would be six spaces within and four on the wall. Some of the spaces would be used for cars that are being repaired.

Councilman Epps asked again the number of spaces. He said that if you are selling cars, cars are going to be sitting on the lot. He said he knows it is a limited space because Mr. Lindsey doesn't own the whole lot. Mr. Lindsey explained there are four spaces along the fence. He said the drawing illustrates that. Then there are five or four within the front grounds in the front of the building. Councilman Epps said with both spaces, you are looking at 9-10 cars. He said so the City wouldn't come and find 30 cars there. Mr. Lindsey said no. Mayor Austin said the other cars would be in the back. That was specific in his proposal. Councilman Stichnote said the Planning Committee voted in favor of this. Councilman Epps said he wanted to make sure they don't end up with 50 cars on the front.

Mayor Austin and Councilman Epps thanked Mr. Lindsey. Mayor Austin asked if there were any more questions in support of the automotive repair and retailing of used automobiles. Councilwoman Dugger said she is in support of it but she wanted to know the process. She asked if he was just coming before the Council tonight. She asked if he had gone through the Planning Commission. It was verified that he had.

Councilman Epps asked if it was his first business selling cars. He asked if it was something new for him or if he had done it before. Mr. Lindsey said it is a new business but he has a partner who has experience with selling cars. Mayor Austin added that Mr. Lindsey has been in the City for a long time. She said that she thinks it is good and important that he lives right across the street from the auto shop. She said she told him that they were talking in the business meeting about cameras. She said she told him today that he could put a camera on his house and shoot it right at his business.

Mayor Austin asked if there was anyone speaking against. There was none. The Mayor announced the public hearing was closed.

7:10 p.m. Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a funeral/mortuary facility at 9480 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Mayor Austin announced the opening of public hearing. She asked if there was anyone speaking for the funeral home.

Mr. Kelvin Baucom stood to petition the council to reopen the funeral home located at 9480 Lewis & Clark. He said it will no longer be known as Calvin Feutz. It will be known as Baucom's Life Celebration and Cremation. Someone from the audience asked Mr. Baucom his name. He stated his name as Kelvin Orlando Baucom. He said he has been in the funeral service business for 35 years. He said he was with a firm located in the City of Jennings. He said he operated that funeral home for 26 years as the Operations Manager. He said he presently has a location in the Florissant area in the Jamestown Mall, as a funeral service and event facility. He said they have been there for six years. He said he is ready to do business in the City of Jennings, MO.

Mayor Austin asked if there were any questions for Mr. Baucom.

Mayor asked if there was anyone against having the funeral home at 9480 Lewis and Clark. She announced the public hearing was closed for conditional use permit to operate a funeral home at 9480 Lewis and Clark.

7:15 p.m. Request for amendment to an ordinance regarding the size of political signs placed in the R1, R2, R3 and planning unit development district(s)

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing regarding the size of political signs placed in R1, R2, R3 and planned use development district.

Councilman Wilson spoke for the amendment to the ordinance. He said he was not at the meeting but he believes that there is some confusion regarding the size. He said the size that he is referring to are not the signs that are placed in yards. He said the signs that he is talking about are signs that are in common areas. He said he was not speaking specifically for residential. He said he doesn't know when the ordinance was made but there are so many signs all over the place. He stated that is specifically because we are marginalized to one size. He said he believes, from conversations with other cities and other elected officials, it will be beneficial if there were larger signs that way they don't have 50 signs all over the City. He said he still see signs around the City because there are signs everywhere. He said he believes that if you only had to put up two signs in the area, it would be better. This isn't just for local, this is also for statewide candidates and countywide candidates as well. He said he has had multiple conversations with them. He said that posed a problem for some of the councilmembers because they were not sure of the size and had to cut their signs. It has been a big inconvenience because of the smaller size. Councilman Wilson said he had done research with neighboring cities. He said St. Louis County doesn't have a ordinance on the size. St Louis City doesn't have an ordinance on the size. Moline Acres was not marginalized to a particular size. He said the cost is driven up when you have to buy a bunch of little signs. It will be cheaper to buy one big sign and have it placed. Councilman Wilson said the sign that is being referred to is 4' x 8', which is the same size as the sign that is at the School District that is thanking everyone for the passage of Prop J. He said he thinks it cuts down on having 1 million signs up and down the street. He said he believes people do that because there is a limit on the size of the sign. This is his reasoning for presenting the ordinance because the old ordinance has been on the books for a while. He said he was not speaking in terms of residential signs actually going on the yards. He said he was referencing the commercial areas. A lot of people that are running for state wide offices, you don't see their signs because they don't get the little signs.

Councilman Epps said what he was thinking about the 4' x 8' are OK on thoroughfares. He said he would hate to see something that large on vacant lots within residential areas. He said he thinks what will happen if 4'x 8' signs are allowed is that people will put them on vacant lots or vacant properties within residential areas. He said that will be tacky and be too much.

City Attorney, Sam Alton, said when he looked into this issue, he was under the impression that we were talking about residential signs. He said as he recalls, the part of the zoning code that

talks about political signs is specific as it relates to the area, whether it's residential or commercial. He said Terry is right as it relates to St. Louis County and St. Louis City. They are relaxed when it comes to that. Sam said the size that he put in there, 4 x 8, is on par with what a lot of other municipalities allow. Sam said the only thing that is worthwhile is for him to go back and look at the code and make sure that what we are talking about, which is not residential, and he can have it ready for the November meeting.

Councilman Epps asked Sam if the County, that he has checked, will allow 4' x 8' signs but not in residential area. Sam responded that there were some that allowed bigger and there were some that were exactly the same. Sam said he did not remember seeing municipalities that had smaller. Sam said we were on the small end from what he was looking at.

Councilman Stichnote asked Henry to explain the difference between R1, R2, and R3. Henry Johnson explained that R1 is single-family, R2 is two family, and R3 is multi-family. He said that was the basic definition of the residential zoning areas.

Councilman Jones said that was the confusion. Mr. Johnson explained that the plan unit development would be such as Alexandria Pl., Jennings residence, where the residences are being built.

Councilman Jones asked what will be commercial. Mr. Johnson said there is no designation for a commercial area, for signs. He said if that is something that the council deems that it wants to do, something needs to be drafted in ordinance form specifically identifying those areas and sizes.

Councilman Jones clarified by asking that basically they have a step before this, referring to the ordinance presented.

Councilman Dugger said she had a question and stated that things have already gone through the Planning Commission. She said she was at the meeting the other day. She said the petitioner was the city, but we had not discussed it. She said she was confused as to who was bringing it. She asked Councilman Wilson if he was the one bringing it. She stated it have not gone to the council prior to it going to the Planning Commission. Mayor Austin said it was something that she recommended for the city. Councilman Dugger said that is out of order if you were saying that the city is the petitioner. She said it should've come to the Council for us to agree to petition the Planning Commission to hear this request. She said that had not been done. She said these are businesses that are coming before us. She said she didn't know anything about it until she heard it come to the Planning Commission. Mr. Johnson responded that he believed it was discussed that in order to change it, it has to go before the Planning Commission. That is the legal process. Therefore, if the city itself had deemed it, as Councilman Wilson presented it, it would have to go before the Planning Commission. That will be the legal due process. As the Commission deemed, they do not want to vote on it at the time. He said he thought it was denied. So, it comes back to the council. This is your first opportunity to legally discuss it.

Councilwoman Dugger said that's right. She said so it went to the Planning Commission, now she is hearing that it was Terry, but it is saying that it was actually the City that is actually asking that it goes to the Planning Commission for review and to make the recommendation. She said that the City did not know anything about it. As a petitioner, that is what she is saying. Mr. Johnson said that is true. Councilwoman Dugger said that is absolutely true.

Mayor Austin said they will table this until the next meeting when more information is given, so that it can go back to the Planning Commission. She asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

She said that the public hearing is closed regarding the ordinance requiring the size of political signs being placed in R1, R2, and R3, and planned unit development districts.

REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Austin called the council meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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| Mayor Yolanda Austin | Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson |
| Councilman Allan Stichnote | Councilwoman Julia Roberts |
| Councilwoman Miranda Jones | Councilman Rodney Epps |
| Councilman Terry Wilson | Councilwoman Carol Epps |
| Councilwoman Francine Dugger | |

Also present: Interim City Attorney, Sam Alton, and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Austin call for an approval of the agenda with the deletion of items F2 and I4. The motion was made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted all in favor to amend the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF September 25, 2017

Mayor Austin asked for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of September 25, 2017. On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted to approve the agenda by the following roll call vote of council members in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, and C. Epps; Dugger opposed the approval; no one was absent nor abstaining.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS:

1. Presentation from St. Louis County Police Department – Employee Recognition

Captain Cox announced community engagement activities that included, the Drug Take Back program that was scheduled for October 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the precinct. He informed the public that they could bring all of their old prescription drugs and drop them off at the station in the lobby area. He encouraged the public to get rid of the old prescription drugs. He said do not flush them down the toilet.

Secondly, he announced on Saturday, the St. Louis County Police Athletic League will be taking 40 kids to Memphis on an educational field trip to the civil rights museum. He said they are very excited about the opportunity to provide services to the Jennings students.

Captain Cox recognized officer Eric Steer as the Officer of the Month for September 2017. Captain Cox said that he has been with City of Jennings for 3 1/2 years. He is consistently at the top of the chain when it comes to productivity, arrests, tickets, summons, extra business patrol, and extra residents patrol. Captain Cox said that he is one of the most consistent guys and performs at a high-level each and every month. He said he feels good when it was finally his turn to get the opportunity to accept the award. Captain Cox congratulated Officer Eric Steer on being selected as Officer of the Month.

Officer Eric Steer said he enjoys working in Jennings. He said every day is a pleasure for him to put on his uniform and patrol the streets. He thanked the public.

2. Presentation from Public Works – Employee Recognition

Public Works Director, Bill Kaeshamer, recognized Jim Mainer for his contributions to the Public Works Department. He said Jim is a valued team member and demonstrates leadership and commitment, not only to the staff and the residence, but throughout the City of Jennings. Along with assisting in the daily operations of the Public Works Department, Jim has assumed the additional responsibility of spearheading the City's tech team. He shares his knowledge with our staff, other departments, and city officials. Bill said that he recognizes Jim as the go to person when employees need training or for a coworker who has a question. Departmental, employees rely on Jim for advice and assistance. When other departments need answers, Jim is the first person they turn into. This says a lot about how Jim skills and input are viewed by coworkers. Bill thanked Jim you for all that he does for Public Works Department and City of Jennings. Bill said Jim makes a tremendous contribution. Bill presented Jim with a certificate of recognition.

Jim thanked everyone. He said he appreciated it. He said he has lived in the city for 57 years and plans on staying a lot longer.

3. Presentation from the City Clerk and Mayor – Employee Recognition

The City Clerk recognized her administrative assistant, Teresa Hauser, for stepping up and going above and beyond the call of duty to assist the City's Finance Department, in the absence of the Finance Director. It is because of Teresa's efforts, along with working with other staff in the Finance Department, and we have been able to continue to make sure that our employees are being paid on time and that the vendors are being paid as well.

The City Clerk thanked Teresa and presented her with a certificate and token of appreciation.

Teresa thanked the City and said it is good to know that she is appreciated. Teresa said she has been at the city for 14 years.

The City Clerk also thanked Joann Bommarito. She said Joann has been an exceptional employee. She has continued to move the Finance Department forward.

In the absence of our Finance Director, she has stepped up, with Teresa, and done a phenomenal job with making sure that the department and the City's bills are being taken care of. Joann has been the person to research vendor payments files. The City Clerk said when she and the Mayor ask about something, Joann can go and find it. Joann has been outstanding. During this transition, we also got a new employee in the Finance Department. So, she has also been training a new employee. The City Clerk told Joann that we appreciate her for her dedication, commitment, and loyalty to the City of Jennings. She presented her with a certificate and a token the City's appreciation.

Joann thanked everyone. She said she has been with the city many years. She said it has been her pleasure serving the City for over 38 years.

4. Comments by public

Clematene Hall of 9426 Halls Ferry Rd. stated the reason for her being at the meeting was to find out what happened since her appearance at the last meeting. She was complaining about the neighbors trespassing and tearing up her yard. She said she had not received a response. She told the council that she had a copy of what her property looks like. She wanted the council to look at it and see what she was talking about. She said that they could look beyond the yellow and see that the person at 9422 Halls Ferry has their cars purposely parked on her property. She said she has had the police at the property several times. She has talked to them about it and they said there is nothing to be done and she hasn't heard anything. She also said

that she wanted the council to look at where she lives at 9426 Halls Ferry, where the city has blocked the street off in front of her home. She said it is really a bad situation. She said she has come to find out what the progress is on her complaint.

Mayor Austin asked Henry Johnson for an update. The Mayor said she knows the police department has informed Ms. Hall and the attorney stated that she should put up No Trespassing signs. Mayor Austin asked Ms. Hall if she has No Trespassing signs posted. Ms. Hall stated that she does not have No Trespassing signs posted. Mayor Austin continued by saying that the owner of the house stated that she was going to work as hard as she could to see if she could widen the driveway. Mayor Austin asked Ms. Hall if she had spoken with her. Ms. Hall responded that she had not.

Mr. Johnson stated that he had spoken to both the owners, of the neighboring property and the complainant property. He also stated that he had spoken to the police and Councilman Dugger, Mayor and Ms. Hall. He said they are trying every effort to resolve this issue peacefully. He said he talk to the owner about expanding the driveway to allow for additional cars to be parked on the property, which would, of course, be an expense for her. This is an income property for her. He said the tenant has been there, according to the owner, 10 years. Mr. Johnson said this is a new development for the owner, so she is trying to resolve it. He said he thinks the photo is being passed around so that you can see the issue. He said he is not familiar with the issue about the street being closed off. Mr. Johnson said that may be due to sewer or water main work. He said he believes that is what's taking place in that area. He said they are doing everything they can. He said he has talk to all the parties. Mr. Johnson said they can only talk to people. There is no enforceable action that he can take, with regard to trespassing, it's a police matter. In order for it to be deemed trespassing, the No Trespassing signs have to be posted for someone to actually be arrested for that.

Councilman Dugger said for the record she wanted to clear up the fact that Ms. Clematene Hall was saying that she has not talked to anyone. Councilwoman Dugger said that is not true. She said Ms. Hall knows that she and Councilwoman Dugger has talked several times, which is why Councilwoman Dugger talked to the owner of the property next door. She said which is why she talked to Mr. Johnson about that. Councilwoman Dugger said that she has responded back to Ms. Hall about what the result will be or what the planned action will be. Councilman Dugger said for the record, she wanted to make sure that is there. The resident is saying that she has not heard anything from us, but that is not true. She said we, as the city, or trying to see what we can do to resolve that issue. She said Ms. Hall did talk to her about the No Trespassing signs. She has also talk to Ms. Hall about her personal surveillance to see what she can do to report to the police. She said they have had several conversations about the situation. Again, Councilwoman Dugger said she has also talked to the owner. So that the record is straight.

Councilman Epps asked the question about widening the driveway. He said he is trying to understand. He said if they are parking on her property, we are not talking about the street. We are talking about up in the driveway and they are taking some of her property. He asked Ms. Hall if that was what was going on. He stated that when you call the police when that happens, what does the police do? He asked if they could have someone move if they are parked on your property or in the driveway? Captain Cox gave a response (the response could not be heard on audio). Councilman Epps asked Captain Cox had any of that happened.

Mayor Austin asked Ms. Hall, when she called the police what happened. Ms. Hall responded with she would have to find out the name of the officer that she talked to in the Jennings Police Department that told her that once she calls the police, because it is an ordinance, they are not supposed to park on the grass, they are supposed to come in, they are supposed to tow the vehicle or give them a ticket. She continued with when they come, if they come, they don't do anything. She said she called. She also said she saw a police officer. When he came, he looked into the car. The car stayed there all night on her grass. She said the officer went around to the

back door, and nothing happened. The very next morning the car was still there. It wasn't until the evening when the car left. And nothing happened.

Councilman Epps asked again if the car was on her property. She said it was on her property. It was parked on the side of their bush. Mayor Austin asked if it was on the street or on her grass. Ms. Hall responded that it was on her grass. Ms. Hall said they have a garage, but they do not utilize it. She said they came and pull up on the side on her grass because no one is looking at that. She said but it was still on her property. She said when she says something to them, they ignore it.

Councilman Epps stated that the property is not in dispute. As a point of clarity, he stated that they are not saying that they are not on her property.

Sam, City Attorney, said to Ms. Hall that we addressed this issue briefly one time before at the last meeting. He said he has worked with officers for a long time. He said he can tell you that officers do not enjoy getting involved in a civil suit trying to figure out where property boundaries began and where they end. That is just the nature of the beast. One way to make it easier for the officers, is to put up No Trespassing signs where her property begins and where her property ends and wherever the people are parking their car. He said at least whenever the officers do come out, they see very clearly that it is her property. They may even want to see the deed or any paperwork that you have for your house. He said to be honest with her, just having worked with officers with stuff like this in the past, traditionally when someone is encroaching on your property, unfortunately, it turns into a civil suit for trespassing or something like that. Sam continued with if the officers come out there and determine what's going on and they can determine legally where the boundaries for the property are, and they can see the people have been warned, at least once, they can give them a ticket for trespassing. But they are not going to want to just start towing cars until they know for sure that they are not putting themselves out there.

Ms. Hall said this has been an ongoing thing. She said she has already done that. She said she put No Trespassing signs in her yard. She said she even put them on her garage. She said so when the police officers come out, they tell her to talk to them (neighbors). She said she has already done that. She said it is like it is a no-win situation. She asked what is she supposed to do. Sam said there is one thing that she can do, the next time that happens, he said ask for report number. He said tell them that she wants a police report number for what she's calling about. He said once you get that report number, make sure the officer knows that if you don't get the report number or if the neighbor doesn't get a citation for trespassing, tell the officer that you would like the name of the Sergeant. Sam advised her that she could call to the police station and talk to the Sergeant and tell them that she has the report number, and nothing has been done. Tell them this is an ongoing problem. He said that is one way to handle it. Ms. Hall said thank you.

Councilman Epps said that even if you have a No Trespassing sign, that does not mean that they are not in dispute about whose property it is.

Captain Cox said Sgt. Perez could deal with her directly on this matter.

Sam said if there is an easement or something like the resident is talking about, you see it a lot. In property disputes, legally speaking, law enforcement does not like to get involved with those because they are really civil matters. But here, if the trespassing is clear by the signs and the officer just can't figure it out, then they can write the violation for trespass.

Councilman Dugger said she also talked to the resident about the fact that Mr. Johnson gave her a copy and drawing of the property line so that she would know. She said they have been in touch with her about that. She has an outline from the county where her line stops. She asked

Mr. Johnson was that correct. Councilman Epps said that should be enough to give to the police and have some action taken. He said if she has that, then she should be able to show that to the officer and have the car towed if it's on her property. Councilwoman Dugger added that the grass has been destroyed from the parking.

Mayor Austin asked Ms. Abney if she wanted to speak again. She responded no.

Yolonda Henderson announced that as of this election in November, there is a new polling site at 2545 Dorwood. She asked everyone to check their polling site location. She said Alexandria Place has been expanded.

Ms. Henderson gave kudos to the St. Louis County Police Department. She said a couple of months ago she had drug activity on her street. She gave information back-and-forth. It got so bad that her neighbors kept calling her and telling her that someone was parking in front of her house. She said she got another call that said someone was parked on the side of her house. There is a house across the street that was vacant; no one was there. She said she spoke with Captain Cox, he got in touch with Sgt. Perez, they gave it to the drug unit. She said thank God today the situation has been resolved. So she gave kudos to the St. Louis County Police Department. She said she has excellent neighbors. They told her and gave her calls. They always know when she is coming or going at her location.

Ms. Henderson said she had a couple of complaints. She said she received a call today for a tire on Garesche. She said Rodney and Carol this is yours, At 5401 Hamilton. There is furniture in front of 5477 Hamilton and across the street at 5657 Hamilton. She said that's the 4th Ward.

She reported to Captain Cox that there is a burgundy car on Shannon. She said the car has been there for about three weeks. She said the way the car is parked, she can see an accident occurring. She gave the license plate as YJ507N. She said the car has been parked there for quite some time, about three weeks.

Ms. Henderson asked Allan Stichnote where was he with all of the addresses that she gave him on her locations of the property at 5401. Councilman Stichnote responded that they have been turned into the building department. And he believes that they have been turned into Public Works. She passed around pictures saying this is what back yard looks like. She said also the address in front of 8887 Sharridge. The pictures illustrated the pothole that is a puddle now. She said it has become a pond now. She said if we can get that fixed it will not be so bad. Because they also have a couple of addresses on Sharridge. She asked councilman Stichnote if he is saying that it has been turned in. He responded with Yes. She asked him if he had not checked the status of it.

Councilman Wilson asked Ms. Henderson what building is the polling place at about 2545 Dorwood. She responded that that is the Gary Gore location. She said that is starting this November. so she encouraged the public to check their polling site. She said they have been in discussion. She and the polling directors had made the decision and they decided to add that to the sites because there is nowhere to really park in Alexandria place anymore. She said this is another location and is handicap assessable. So is everything that you need. She thanked St Louis County again for helping to clean up the area. She said now her area is a safe place to live and it is quiet.

Henry Lindsey of 2100 Fairhaven Dr. - Mayor Austin asked Mr. Henry Lindsey if he wanted to speak again. He responded with NO.

Lorraine Clower of 5446 Helen said she has been a resident for over 18 years. She said she is here regarding a walnut tree located at 5450 Helen. She said the problem that she is having with that residence is that she is unable to apply for home Insurance because of the walnut

tree. She said she had applied with three insurance companies, State Farm, American Family, and Farmers insurance. She said she has been deemed each time stating that the tree is a hazard. She said, now, what's going on with the walnut tree is that you cannot sit on the porch because the walnut tree has walnuts and branches falling out on the street. You cannot park your car. There are branches continuing to fall. She said even on her residence, which is next-door. She cannot park in her driveway due to the walnuts falling and breaking the glass on the car. She is asking the City of Jennings for their assistance. She said from her understanding, City Of Jennings does not own the property. She said the owner is \$11,000 behind on personal property taxes. She said she has contacted the county and the county is telling her that it is up to the City of Jennings. She said she is aware that the city has a program called Mow to Own. She said that in order for that program to assist you, you have to own the property for two years. She said she is asking for the City's assistance. She said the City says that you are here for the residents. She says she has done everything that she can. She has tried to keep the neighborhood and the streets clean. She said she has tried to follow the rules and the law. So she is asking for some assistance. She said the tree is a hazard for the children walking down the street and passing it going to school. You cannot park your car. You cannot sit on the porch. She said she is having an issue also because she cannot get homeowners insurance for her house. She is asking for assistance to get the tree cut down or the branches removed. She said it is a big issue and a big concern. She said she is again asking for assistance from the City.

Councilman Epps asked Ms. Clower if the tree been deemed a hazard. She said yes. He said that the city cannot move forward to do anything with the tree on the property because the City doesn't own the property. He informed her that the city is now getting ready to purchase the property. He said it should be done in about three weeks. He said that once it is purchased, it has been deemed a hazard by the city workers, then we will assist you with taking care of the problem. He said that it would take at least three weeks. Ms. Clower said thank you. Mayor Austin informed her that she did receive her letter. And this issue was discussed today in their meeting.

Edith Cole of 9460 Bagley Dr. was not present

Linda Schmerber of 7028 Idlewild said she is aware that the City Council and the Mayor are in favor of everything being good for the city and letting other people know. She said this past summer, the Mayor went to a meeting at the Lewis and Clark library out on 367. She said there has been a library out there she thinks since 1969 or 59. Because she remembers going there when she was in high school. She said they have always had some kind of a display case. She said they have a new library that replaced the old one. The building is more efficient, and they mentioned to the group, including the mayor, that they would like to have something about Jennings and the other surrounding cities in their display case. She said the Mayor contacted Carol Westoff and asked her what could she do for a display. Linda said Carol contacted her at the Jennings Historical Society. She went over, and they looked at stuff. Then she said she would take care of it. Linda showed the council and public pictures of the display that Carol created for the St. Louis County library. The display was on for the month of October. She said the top two pictures are the two display cases side by side and then there were enlargements at the bottom of what Linda shared with the public. She encouraged the public to go to the library and see the display. She said Carol did an excellent job of telling the story of the city. There are all kinds of different things and one of the history books is in the case. She said in case anybody wants to buy one, they are only \$25 and she said she has a good supply.

Carol thanked Mayor Austin for asking her to do the display. She said she taught school for 30 years and that was one of her jobs, decorating the bulletin boards. She said one of the things that she found interesting for the City of Jennings, and she said she's lived here since she was a kid. She said she taught a media class which included the Kodak company. That was an x-ray. That's what she put in a box with the Kodak, because she used to use that in her class. She said they used to say you ask her does she live in Jennings. She said she would respond with did you

ever hear of Kodak. She said that would always start a big commotion and praise for Jennings. She thanked Mayor Austin again.

Allen McDonnell of 9314 Scottsdale said to Linda Schmerber that he knew it was in the 50s because he moved to Bellefontaine Neighbors in 1954 when he was a kid. He said that library has been there for quite some time.

He said he was before the Council to talk about Proposition A. Tuesday, November 7th, there will be a vote for Proposition A to train and to buy additional equipment for the Riverview Fire Protection District. He said he talked with Councilman Stichnote who did a calculation for him. He reported that based upon the assessed value of the houses in Jennings, on the median value, this is going to cost to taxpayers about \$25 per year. He said that's nothing. The other good thing is, since Riverview has taken over, the insurance classification has moved from a five to a three. This is good news for home owners. You should see a pretty good reduction in homeowners' insurance. He said he has been tasked by the Mayor to attend some meetings. Which he has with Grace Harvey. Chief Goldstein put together a letter that is going out. He said just a little while ago, he talked with Councilman Wilson about attending the 2nd Ward Tea. He said the Mayor asked him to hold off, but he wanted to get this on record. He was advised by Councilman Dugger that it is for the 2nd Ward residents only. He said he wanted to state that there is a precedent for members of other wards going to other ward meetings. He said there are other ward members who have gone to clean ups. So, he doesn't think trying to keep him away from the meeting, from something that he has been tasked by the mayor, is appropriate. He said he wanted to get it on the record that if he is kept away, he said he did not know by what means, but that would be discriminatory because Jennings has a precedent of allowing Ward members not belonging to that Ward to attend meetings and functions. He said as far as the speech goes, he would use the best grammar that he possibly can and will not paraphrase anything.

Sam said that the meeting that he is referring to is a ward meeting with less than a quorum of the council entertaining the residence of their ward for the meeting, correct? Sam said the only thing to keep in mind about that, he said he is looking at the law. It is a case out of the Eastern District In 1989 and it says if it is less than a quorum or it's not a public meeting per se. The members from their Ward wants to meet with their constituents and someplace of their choosing that can in fact be a private meeting. Sam said it can be a public restaurant or coffee shop whatever, and if you choose to go there, there is no way to keep you out of a public restaurant. But as far as the meeting itself, this is not considered a public meeting, and nobody has the right to attend this meeting only because it's less than a quorum. Sam said just for the record. Mr. McDonnell asked if that would apply to other members if one ward is having a cleanup and another ward member cannot participate in a cleanup since it's a private affair and it doesn't have a quorum of council people. Sam asked Mr. McDonnell to repeat his point. Mr. McDonnell said 3rd Ward is having a cleanup, hypothetically, and one or two other councilmembers show up, which recently happened and Councilman Stichnote showed up. What you're telling me is he really should not have been allowed there because it did not have a quorum of numbers there. He should not have been allowed to participate in a private ward cleanup.

Sam said he did not know anything about that meeting or anything about it being private. Or anything about other councilmembers not being able to show up. He said all he is saying is to just keep in mind, if it is less than a quorum, it is not defined as a public meeting.

Mr. McDonnell explained what is a second Ward Council person invited him to attend the meeting. He said there is a person going there to speak about opioids.

Mayor Austin stated that we need to discuss this issue at a later date because it is for informational purposes. Those people that are going to be at the meeting could use the

information. She said she is not really sure why this information cannot be given at that meeting.

Mr. McDonnell said the reason that he is going was because the senior residents have everything to gain. It absolutely nothing to lose if the proposition passes. The equipment will help all of the firefighters become firefighter paramedics. They will do that on someone else's taxes because the senior citizen at that center do not pay taxes. They will reap the benefits but not have to pay any of the taxes.

Mayor Austin stated it is for informational purposes. She does not see anything wrong with it. She said we're trying to be transparent and get the word out to as many people as we can.

Mr. McDonnell said he agrees with the Mayor and he appreciates it. He said he will inform the public. He said why keep secrets from us.

Sandra Ball of 7313 Esterbrook spoke in place of Ed. She stated she is a neighbor of Ed and he did not know he was signing up to speak. She said they are coming today to talk about an incident that has been going on in their block, the 7300 block of Esterbrook. They have had someone going around in the middle of the night and going into unlocked cars. She said they contacted the police department and did not get a response. They went to the police station and file a police report. The person going into the cars is mainly taking things like change that's laying around in the cars, drivers license, credit cards, gift cards. She said Councilwoman Anderson has been trying to keep them informed. Ms. Ball said one of the neighbors took a picture of the guy on their security system. They took that to the police department and showed it to the officers. They said that they would keep an eye out. They also asked if they could have an officer come through the neighborhood. They very seldom ever come through there. The police said they will start making their rounds coming through at night. She said there has been several of the residents staying up all night watching to see if anything was going to happen. And it hasn't. She said they spoke to the police in Country Club Hills, because Esterbrook joins Country Club Hills. The officer from Country Club Hills that they spoke to said that they are not having a problem. However, the person on the video is known to them. They said he hangs out at Mallys. She stated that they are there at the meeting tonight to ask Captain Cox if there was any way that they could have an officer patrol. She said she does not know if this is considered as petty theft or just opportunity, because he's not breaking windows or anything. She said to Captain Cox that they do have a police report number, but she does not have it with her at the meeting. But it is on file at the police department. She said he has been back several times. The first time he came about 3 o'clock in the morning. One of the neighbor's alarm went off. He left and came back at 3:30 on a bicycle. She said he is driving from driveway to driveway. He is not on the street, he's going up in the driveway under the carport to get into the cars. The last incident he came as early as 10:30 PM. She said he is getting a little bolder. And several of the neighbors have seen this guy walking down the street. She said they are not calling 911. She said the officer told them that he should not be hard to find because he had on a very distinctive backpack and a hat. He is still wearing his backpack. The officer said he's not smart enough to change clothes. Ms. Ball said when they saw him he was still wearing the same thing.

Ed said he is wearing a St. Louis Cardinals backpack. He said he has been seen at Mallys and on McLaran and West Florissant. He has also been seen on Albia Terrace at the second house.

5. Councilmembers' Reports

Councilwoman Carol Epps greeted the crowd and said she was glad to see everyone. She said she had two reports for grass cutting on 6337 Albertine and 5654 Hamilton. That concluded her report.

Councilman Rodney Epps said it was good to see new faces out and businesses coming into the city. He said that's always a good thing. He started off with thanking Captain Cox in the Police Department for the quick response to the episode at their business. He said the police was there right on the spot. He thanked him. He said he was hoping to see Lewis McKinney at the meeting because he wanted to thank Lewis. A lady called him in tears. She was a senior who lives in the 5200 block of Hodiamont, who was wheel chair bound. She said her window came loose and dropped off the frame. He said he did not have the chance to get over there. He called Mr. McKinney and he sent his maintenance man to her house. Mr. McKinney took care of the problem for her. He said we take for granted when we have people who we can call. He said the lady called him in tears. She called him back in tears and said God bless you guys. He said she doesn't have anyone. Councilman Epps said he used to always think about and tell his wife that when you see people's furniture set out, the first thing that you think is that they had nowhere to go and you are blessed if you have someone to go to and someone to call. Everybody doesn't have that. He said he wanted to thank Mr. McKinney for that. Councilman Epps said she told him to tell Mr. McKinney God bless him and his friend. It was a good thing.

He said there was some trash on the side of the building at 6340 Minnie. He said he thinks it is a condemned house that people keep opening up and doing what people do in condemned houses. They sit there long enough to do whatever they do and leave a bunch of trash.

Councilman Epps addressed to Mr. Henry Johnson about the 5700 block of Helen. He said there about five or six trash bags in front of some people's residences. He said he is not sure if they paid the trash bill, but we need to get someone over there as soon as possible. He said he told Margie that he will call her back with the exact address. He said that was all he had. He said it was good to see new people at the meeting. He said it is a blessing to have new businesses coming in. He informed Ms. Clower that he is glad to see that she called about the tree and hazardous situation. He said we are working on that. It should be no longer than a month. The Mayor said she would have that property purchased in about three weeks.

Councilwoman Roberts greeted the crowd. She said she wanted to open her report by informing the public that she has been doing work in the community. Most recently they have been doing cleanups. She said she heard a quote the other day that was encouraging, in terms of the responsibility of community and the duty of everyone in the community to really work together to make it better. The quote says, I slept and dreamt that life was with joy. I woke and saw life was duty active and behold duty was a joy. So, if we can we frame the way that we think about what we do in terms of making our community better. If we can act and be whole, duty becomes joy to do whatever we want to do. To have the responsibility to make Jennings what we wanted to be. She thinks in that spirit, we can make our community exactly what we want it to be. She said that's how she felt when they do the cleanup's and things. She said, yes we may be cleaning up other people's trash but that is a duty and a joyful experience. She said someone that same regard she wanted to thank Public Works and the Building Department. She said she had some complaints and they followed up right away in terms of updating. She said not everything was completed, but definitely updates about how they were going to move forward with those complaints. She also thanked the Mayor and Mr. Johnson. She said she was able to ride with them to take a look at Ward 4 to see what needed to happen in that ward. To look at some of the areas for future development in that Ward, opened up her eyes. She said it was not that she did not know it but it made it more profound in terms of knowing that we are one Jennings. We are only as strong as our weakest areas. She said Ward 4 does need more development than other areas. She said she really appreciated the opportunity to look at those wards and then compare it to Ward 3, 2, 1. Councilwoman Roberts said we are still one community.

Councilwoman Roberts went back to addressing the issues on Esterbrook. She said it is a problematic issue. She says she knows it was said that he had a St. Louis backpack, but it was also said he also walking around with a shiny, glitter backpack too. She said it is black, but it has

some glitter on it as well. She said that is problematic. She said also on Marge they are reporting that they are experiencing car thefts too. She said the residence on Marge are saying that they are actually breaking into the cars. They are popping locks and things like that. She said those areas run together, so that is probably problematic on Marge as well. She said also there are a lot of vacant buildings on Marge and they are complaining about squatters in the buildings.

Councilwoman Roberts said she was able to attend the National Night Out and she says she got some really good information there about human trafficking. She said she did leave some information and some papers out for review by the public. She said one thing about human trafficking is that there are free clinics in Ferguson that some people may be able to take advantage of.

She said last month Ms. Henderson asked about some emergency training for the city. She said she was able to follow up about emergency training. She said Lt. Neal is the person in charge of the city's emergency management plan. That is still in progress in terms of the preparation that needs to be done. It was advised that the city officials needed to attend NIMS training. She says she personally attended the training. But in terms of having more information than that, that was pretty much all that she was able to ascertain. She said she did bring some brochures from FEMA about how to prepare yourself. But she doesn't have anything more than that.

She said she had some complaints that she wanted to bring forth for Public Works and Building Department. On 7045 Garesche, there are rodents traveling from the residence to other residences around the area because there is trash buildup. The residents do not believe that they have trash service. That is at 7045 Garesche.

At 5503 Fair Ridge, residents are complaining that they believe that there is an auto body shop being ran out of the home.

On 7224 Albright, mattresses have been dumped.

5603 Sapphire needs to be boarded up. She said some of it has been boarded, but some of the boards have been taken down and people have been going in and out of the residence. The boards need to be re-applied to some of the windows.

Near Emma and College, across from 5433 College, there is a large pothole.

There is a resident complaining about 7215 Albright. She said she would read the complaint that they sent to her. The complaint read, 7215 Albright is covered in mold on the outside and the young ladies and children who are living there states that there is black mold all through the house. The City of Jennings finally inspected the house and posted unlawful occupancy and unfit for human habitation signs on the house. The ladies and children still live there, and the mold keeps getting worse. It is believed that the ladies have small children, one of which just turned one year old. And these children are sick please help them. Their landlord is very rude and an angry person who has left the house to fall in bad shape. Councilwoman Roberts repeated the address as 7215 Albright.

Councilwoman Roberts said she wanted to follow up about 7305 Esterbrook, the steps. She says she knows that the Building Department went there for something, but she wanted to follow-up to see What the prognosis is for that being rectified.

She said also 5322 Fletcher, she wanted to follow up with the prognosis about the tree. The neighbor has complained because she has spent over \$1000 on repairs in her home because the neighbors tree is falling onto her property. She said the property where the tree is located is 5322 Fletcher.

On 7203 Sapphire, there's a sofa that has been dumped.

On 5324 College, there is a sofa dumped.

She said she does have a question about the trash service. She asked how can we get a hold of ensuring that people have trash service to help manage some of the dumping. She said in U City, they have refuge where if you don't have trash service and it comes across the radar, then they charge you for trash anyway. She said she does not know the specifics. She does know that some cities have mandates and no matter whether not you use the trash you still have to pay for trash service. She said so she thinks that if you don't have something in place, there should be a strong consideration to think about having some type of refuge requirement in place. She said she thinks that will help manage some of the trash and dump and issues that we have.

Mayor Austin responded that the city does have something in place where everyone is supposed to have trash services. She says she met with Waste Management today and she will be getting a quarterly report saying who does not have trash service. She said the problem with that is, in the past, when she was on the council, that the report may say one thing, but someone may come in within that time to pay it.

Councilman Anderson said her report is on Councilwoman Roberts. She said they have been doing cleanups and they planned a cleanup on this past Saturday she said but some way or another, their wires got crossed with Public Works, by the time they connected an hour had passed. So the people that came out to help them with the cleanup, left because they had other things to do that Saturday. She said even she left. She later called Councilwoman Roberts to see what she was doing, and Councilwoman Roberts by herself, in the rain, cleaned from Marge and College, both sides of the streets to Emma. Councilwoman Anderson said by the time she got there, she helped Councilwoman Roberts tie the bags of trash up and put it in her car. She said they took it to Roberts house and dumped it.

Councilwoman Anderson asked the public to help her give Councilwoman Roberts a hand. She said Councilwoman Roberts was determined. Prior to Saturday, she took fliers to the block of College and told people that they were going to be out there cleaning up. She wanted to be a woman to her word and stick to it. And she did.

Councilwoman Anderson said there was already an ordinance done for the stop sign on College and Garesche. She wanted to make a motion to add No Parking signs to include the curb inside the intersection and several yards beyond, in order to alleviate unnecessary congestion inside the three way stop intersection. This study has been done. She said we were told that we should do this. She asked for a second. The second was done by Councilman Jones. The council voted in favor of adding the No Parking signs. On the question from Councilman Epps, he asked if the recommendation came from the study. Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson responded with yes.

Councilwoman Anderson also added a warning sign should be added several feet in advance of the stop sign going northbound on College. So she needed to amend her motion. She made a motion to amend her first motion to include the warning signs. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Jones and the council voted in favor of the amended motion.

Councilwoman Dugger Councilwoman Dugger started by saying that she was excited by there was such interest in the Tea for Ward 2. She said the Councilmen and she has worked it out with the management at Jennings Place. She said the reason for that location is that it is such a beautiful new facility. She thought it would be a great opportunity for the ward to see it. She said now you know you can't just come to the building and walk-in because it is a residence. You have to be buzzed in or a guest of someone to come into the building, but that was the initial reason for having it there. Normally they would have the meetings here, at City Hall, or

whatever. She said as she was attending the state municipal league conference, there was one of the speakers that stood out for her that she thought would be excellent to come and speak on the opioid epidemic. She said if you are fans or occasionally watch 60 minutes, you saw two weeks ago what happened with that whole process. But this was before the 60-minute piece, that she met the gentleman. Luckily for us, he is in the St. Louis South City area. So her thought was to have him come to speak on that. As representatives of that ward, they have that choice as to where to have their ward meetings. So they decided to do it there. She said it is not that any of them would not want you to come and be a part of such a dynamic piece. They do not want to keep you from that. That is not the purpose of the ward meeting. But it is not also the purpose of getting out any political information or any voting you need to do. She said that she thinks that if the city is interested, she said to the mayor that she did not know, or the Mayor did not say that to them that she wanted the seniors to get that information. She said that she thinks that if the city is interested in getting that type of information out, on what they should be aware of or how they should vote for anything that's coming up, then the city can pay for that to be mailed to the residents. But this is simply a ward meeting. They are going to have some tea and enjoy each other and talk about some things and have that speaker.

Councilwoman Dugger announced to the public that if they were at the meeting and they were in Ward 2 and haven't seen the flyer and you haven't seen the website and you haven't seen it on the marquee and no one has told you about it, you are invited, and they will have someone at the door. She said you cannot just walk into the building. But this is an opportunity and some other ward may want to set it up and do it themselves. But this is what they decided to do. But she is so excited that they have an interest in coming to the tea. She said to the Mayor that she thinks that Information should be shared about the epidemic that is happening in this country. When people come to us and tell us or put it on the record that there are issues with drugs. As you can see the drugs happened, you've seen it happen very fast. There are people coming from other areas that are into our area. She says she is getting calls all the time about it. She said she has had residents in her ward to literally threaten those people who are coming into our ward. She said they are very vigilant about making sure that their blocks are not having to deal with this. So she is asking everyone to do just that. Let the police know. Continue to call the police. Flood the phones with your calls and let them know that you do not want this on your Block. The epidemic is criminalized. The people who are on it has a disease. We need to know that as well. She said thank you again for your interest in the Tea. She said but they will definitely have the invite to the Ward and they will look into maybe expanding it so that everyone can get the information. That will be on Saturday from 12 until 2 at the Jennings Place location. She asked Councilman Wilson if he had anything else on the tea. Councilman Wilson responded no. She said they had worked out what the agenda will be.

She said the other thing was the parade. She said the Kiwanis was represented very well in the homecoming parade. They were really excited. She said everybody that saw the parade or participated in the parade had a really great time. So she would like to thank the Jennings School District for that function. She said this was their second year participating and they were really excited about that. The opportunity hopefully to become a part of their own School District. The Kiwanis Club is a global organization and their duty is, as volunteers, to bring young people in and teach them how to become leaders in the community. They basically meet to try to raise funds to support that effort. She said you've heard her talk about some of the things that they do, the service projects that they do and fundraising to support that effort. So hopefully one day, they could possibly serve the kids right here in the Jennings School District.

Councilwoman Dugger said she didn't see any of the firefighters present, but she thought she saw one of them. She asked if he had left, then she acknowledged one. She said she wanted to thank them. She said we have been having all of this wonderful, beautiful weather, then all of a sudden on yesterday, it was raining, and it was cold. But they still came out, the Kiwanis Club came out to support the firefighters at the ice cream social. They still had kids to come and

there was plenty of ice cream. They ate hotdogs and had a wonderful fellowship with the fire department. They want to continue with it. It is all about fire safety. She said they talked about moving it. She and Allan talked to them a little bit to about moving it maybe into September because October gets a little tricky. She said but all of a sudden today is beautiful, and yesterday was what it was. They still had a good time. She thanked those that were able to come out.

She said they have been fielding the calls. She said she's been able to call City Hall or email them immediately to try to get the response needed right away for the residents who are having issues. Mr. Johnson can attest to that. That will continue to be her process, that it gets into the system to move it so that it can move forward and get the residents taken care of. She announced that if you are Ward 2, give her a call.

Councilman Wilson greeted the crowd and promised he would not be long. He said he got a call about trash in front of a bus stop on 8841 Jennings Station Road. He said he wanted to see if there is a way that we can possibly get one of those trash cans installed at the location. He asked Bill, Public Works Director. Mayor Austin said she knows there are some on Jennings Station Road, but she asked Councilman Wilson, what area was he referring to. He said it is in the middle of Jennings Station Road at a stand along bus stop, but it is used by a lot of people. There is a lot of trash accumulating over there. Councilman Wilson said the complaint is coming from a lady whose house the bus stop is in front of. She said it is a lot of trash all the time and she recommended that we get one of those stationary trash cans, it would cut down on the trash. She also agreed to monitor the can. He asked if there is something we can do. He gave the address again as 8841 Jennings Station Road.

Councilman Wilson said the City did clean up the mess behind the Urban League, but they got clever. Instead of having it out, they made it neat and tucked it behind the trash cans again. He said he was over there. He said he didn't know what needs to be done. Councilman Wilson said he saw they were drilling holes for the footings (for the fence). He asked Mr. Johnson if he had a projected date as to when the project will be completed. Mr. Johnson responded that it should be done in 5-7 days.

He gave the School District a shout out for a wonderful Homecoming. The Superintendent expressed that there was probably one of the largest participation efforts from the City. Councilman Wilson said everybody came together and it was a success despite the rain. He said he thought they did a great job. Councilman Wilson said Yolonda Fountain Henderson played a huge part in putting it together with the alumni. He gave a shout out to Yolonda.

He said from the School District stand point, they just received a grant to expand the afterschool programs. Councilman Wilson said the public should be very happy because it is a grant that usually St. Louis Public Schools get, but they didn't get it this year. The Jennings School District received it. It is a huge grant, so they will be able to expand the afterschool program. Councilman Wilson gave a shout out to the Recreation Department for doing an excellent job with expanding the City's afterschool program. There are a lot of students over there and he thinks they will get even more students because we are about to provide transportation. He said kudos to the Rec Department for expanding the afterschool program and giving the young people somewhere to go in the City of Jennings.

He said that would conclude his report. He extended a Happy Halloween to the community and asked that they look out for each other because the day can get really dangerous. He informed the public that if they are not giving out candy, to please turn off the lights.

Councilman Jones said the address given at 7215 Albright may have been given to all of the council members. She said she did respond. She said if they had black mold, she thought that may have been more of a health department issue. She said that is really dangerous.

Councilwoman Jones said she was told that the Health Department keeps referring them back to the City. She said that is something that we will definitely have to figure out.

She said she got an email from a resident on Judy Court. There was no address given. They only provide Judy Court as the location. She said she tried to go back and send a couple of emails to them to reply and give an exact address. Councilwoman Jones said this is more of a nuisance situation, with loud music and cars there all the time. She said it was a daughter of the resident who emailed from New York because she was so concerned about the safety of her mother and aunt who lives there. She said she wants to make sure she gets the exact address to the department. Councilwoman Jones said hopefully they will contact her with the exact address.

Councilwoman Jones announced that she also got an email about an Ameren phone scam. Apparently, there are people calling residents saying pay your bill right now or the electricity is going to get turned off. She informed the public that Ameren is not going to call you and say pay your bill. She said they are turning off electricity because it is that time of the year. She urged the public to be careful about the information given over the phone.

She said the addresses that one of the residents gave earlier at 2504 Shannon and 2456 Shannon and Sharridge, were sent in by email on the 25th. She said they are trying to follow up and be responsive to the request of Ms. Henderson.

Councilwoman Jones said one of the things that they talked about was fencing around the schools so that the kids would stay safe. She said she believes that you want fencing that is esthetically pleasing. You don't want kids to feel like they are in the prison yard. So one of the things they are working on is making the fencing a little more esthetically pleasing. She said if you look at the high school, they have the new fields, but there is really old fencing around the field. She reported that it's about 70% completed. They will have better, more decorative fencing around the area. She said the public will see some improvement in the concrete columns so that the high school has more of a presence as you are looking at it. Councilwoman Jones said when you improve the area, you improve not only just the school but the area all around the school. It raises the property value. So they want to make sure the residents understand the connection between what happens with the School District and what happens also with the residents.

Councilwoman Jones reported that she and Councilman Stichnote are working on their Ward Meeting. She said they would like to have one at least quarterly. They haven't had one in quite a while. They have been debating on whether they would have it during the week or on a Saturday. She said just looking at the excitement that Ward 3 has had in having theirs on a Saturday, they may follow suit. She and Councilman Stichnote are looking at the first week in December, but also know that is a hard time with the holidays coming up. So they will get with the public with a date for the Ward 1 meeting.

She said she will end here. There has been a lot of talk about cleanups. She said she has a privilege of working for a non-profit organization called Better Family Life. They have been doing cleanups all around the City of St. Louis. She said she went back and said they are not going to just clean up the City of St. Louis and not clean up her home town where she lives. So she asked that they direct some resources towards Jennings to provide a clean-up. Originally, they were looking at doing it this Saturday. They ended up, because of the unrest that happened in the City of St. Louis due to the Stockton verdict, they had the Peace Festival that was scheduled a month ago, but it is now being moved to this Saturday as well. So, the organization is doing it all. On Saturday morning they are planning a cleanup starting at 7:30 am to meet. The cleanup will start at 8:00 am at Jennings High School. She reported that there are several students who will be out helping. There will be several members of the community. They talked to some clergy about bringing out the clergy. She invited the public to come out to

help clean up the City of Jennings. Councilwoman Jones said they originally talked about doing Ward 1. She said her focus was the area of Huiskamp, on the other side of Lucas and Hunt. She said Ward 1 has some beautiful areas, but there are some forgotten areas that really need work. That area has been affected by a lot in the last three years. They plan to get as many residents and people from the community to come together on Saturday morning, then they will go out into the different areas. She said she know they will be doing things in Ward 2. With the great support from the City, Mayor, School District, Police, to make it a real community effort. They are calling it Clean Sweep Jennings on Saturday. She said she has some flyers. They will provide some refreshments and equipment is going to be paid for. She said he hopes people can come out and take care of our community. She said this is the last big push before it gets really cold. She said in fact, it is supposed to be cold on Saturday. She said they will get it because Phyllis Anderson has shamed her into saying that they clean in the rain and snow. She said it doesn't have to be just Ward 1. Ward 3 cleans up all the time. She encouraged the residents to come out and clean. She said she knows Ward 4 needs some help, and they have been doing clean ups. She said they will be working on Ada Wortley and other areas in Ward 2. Councilwoman Jones said she had some flyers that she will put on the table. She said she wants to make sure they get out there and enjoy each other. She said she is really encouraged by Julia's energy and spirit. A new spirit of cooperation wanting to love and care for the community. She said again that she has some flyer and hopes that the public will come out on Saturday.

She announced that at the Peace Fest that afternoon, there will be a bunch of games. They are having a City vs County Leadership game. The City officials are going to be playing the County officials. The City officials said they are going to whip the County officials' tails. She said she doesn't believe that. She said we have Terry Wilson playing on behalf of the County. She said he said he has tights and everything. She said he is coming out in his baseball gear. She said they are hoping to bridge the gap and build comradery between City officials and County officials and amongst themselves as County officials. Councilwoman Jones said that if anyone else wants to come out and play in the game or just come out and be a part of it, they encourage them to do so. She announced that they would be at the Aviation Field that afternoon at 3 pm. She said hopeful the public will come out to cheer on Terry. She said she guess she is playing but she can't play, so she will act like she is playing.

Councilman Stichnote said he wanted to talk on Proposition A. There was an experience with Christian Northeast at the concert night (at the park). They needed an ambulance there and took over 20 minutes for it to show up. If the Proposition A passes, they are saying that it will take about three to four minutes for an ambulance to show up in the City of Jennings. He said that is very important. He said that might save your life or one of your relative's live. It is only about \$25 a year. That's cheap insurance.

He said the next thing is he talked to Bill Kaeshamer about the new sweeper. He reported that it is scheduled to be here sometime in December. Bill reported an update, that it was expected to arrive on the upcoming Wednesday.

Councilman Stichnote reported the crime stat for a year ago from September to now, crime is down 18 ½%.

He said a resident gave him a letter about the extra insurance for the sewer system. He said some of the residents may have gotten the letter in the mail about a year ago. He also said some may have it for the water system. Councilman Stichnote said for some reason, he assumed that there were not enough people to sign up, they are going to return the resident their money. He said he believe its \$81 per year. Some people signed up for it at \$7 per month. He said if you signed up for it and didn't get any information back on it, He announced that he had information with the address and phone number where the residents could call.

Councilman Stichnote asked who was in charge of getting the Civic Center sprayed for bugs. He said it needs to be sprayed. They have a problem with spiders.

Monthly Department Reports

Mayor asked for motion to approve the month department reports with the exception of the Finance Report. On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor to approve the monthly reports.

Committee Reports

Ways & Means – Councilman R. Epps reported that the Ways & Means committee met prior to the Council Meeting at about 6 pm. He called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Chair, R. Epps, City Clerk, Deletra Hudson, Councilmembers: Wilson, Jones, Anderson; Mayor Austin.

Councilman Epps reported that the first thing on the agenda was the budgets for the Senior and Youth Commissions. Both Commissions have been reinstated since the new Mayor took office. So at the meeting today, a line item needed to be created so that they can have an operating budget. When they have meetings, they may need to have refreshments or whatever they need. The money will come from the General Revenue also. Councilman Epps said he would like to entertain a motion to create a line item for \$500 for the youth Commission. On the motion made by Councilman Epps to create a line item for the Youth Commission to come from General Revenue in the amount of \$500. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion. The Council voted all in favor of the motion.

Councilman Epps made a motion to create a line item for the Senior Commission out of General Revenue in the amount of \$500, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. The council voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Epps said second on the agenda was the purchase of a van for the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center has been transporting youth in the senior van. It is not built for that. It was built for the seniors. They were also transporting youth in their personal cars. He said we definitely don't want that. He said he thinks that is a lawsuit waiting to happen. There were three bids. He made a motion to purchase a 15-passenger van. The money will come out of Capital Improvement. The van will come from Don Brown Chevrolet. The amount is \$28,020. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Dugger asked if they talked to Bill. Mayor responded that they are the ones who provided the bids.

Mayor called for the vote do the Council who voted all in favor of the purchase.

Councilman Epps reported that the third item on the agenda was an electric sign to be placed on the corner of Hord and Lucas and Hunt. The committee lacked the three bids. So that item was table and will be brought back after the next meeting.

The fourth item on the agenda was the tree removal, the one Ms. Lorraine Clower talked about earlier today. He said they discussed that the City will purchase the property. It will take at least three weeks, maybe a month. Then the City will do what needs to be done to remove the tree. He reported that the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm on a motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson.

Public Works Committee – Councilwoman Anderson reported there was no meeting. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in November.

Building Committee - Councilwoman Jones reported no meeting.

Park Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported a park Meeting on October 11th at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Allan Stichnote was there, along with the following councilmembers: Julia Roberts, Terry Wilson, Mayor Yolanda Austin, Deletra Hudson- Clerk, and Ken Keitel.

1. Volleyball Court at Koeneman Park

Councilman Stichnote proposed to the committee an idea he discussed with Ken Keitel to add a volleyball court to the Koeneman Park project. The volleyball court would measure roughly 30 x 60. It would be made of sand and built up from the ground. The proposed cost of the court was \$42,636.25. If approved, the volleyball court could be added to the existing proposed improvements at Koeneman Park. However, the cost of the court would have to be paid by the City, not from grant, which would be Parks Sales Tax.

Councilwoman Roberts asked what population of the residents would use the volleyball court. Councilman Stichnote said the students have a volleyball team and could use the court.

Councilman Wilson asked where the court would be built. Councilman Stichnote said it would be built beside the Lloyd Eaker pavilion. The court will also have a drainage system for water to drain.

Councilwoman Roberts expressed concerns about the overall use of the court, wondering who else would use it other than the School District. She also expressed concerns about maintenance and the sand, how much would the residents use it.

Councilwoman Roberts asked the committee if the City could solicit the opinions of the residents to see if they would be interested in using a volleyball court.

Councilman Wilson informed the committee that some residents have expressed interest in having a concrete stage at Koeneman Park for the concerts. He felt that would be more of what the residents want opposed to a volleyball court.

The committee decided to revisit the volleyball court project.

Next was the Fairview Stadium. Councilman Stichnote informed the committee that he discussed with Mayor Austin and some school board members regarding getting the Fairview Stadium property from the School District to redo the football field and create a walking trail, playground area for youth. A park would be a good addition to Wards 3 and 4. Councilman Wilson said this would put good amenity to the area. He said the committee discussed going with a partnership with the School District. That may also make it easier to get the grants.

Mayor Austin recommended that the committee wait to hear from the School District about the approval of the proposal before taking it to the council.

Overall the committee thought it would be a good partnership with the School District.

Next, the planning grant for Sievers Park. The committee was informed that the City was awarded the planning grant for Sievers Park.

Next was a Five-Year Plan. Councilman Stichnote explained to the committee the following park improvements:

2017 – Koeneman

2019 – Sievers

2020 – Stadium

Councilwoman Roberts asked how would the plan be documented. Councilman Stichnote said a list of the projects would be a start.

Mayor Austin told the committee that she would like to see Lions Park and Koeneman Park connected with a walking trail.

Councilman Stichnote also informed the committee that his was thinking of taking the old basketball hoop from Koeneman Park and take it to Hamilton Park. The committee agreed that sounded like a good idea.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Municipal League – Councilman Wilson reported the Municipal League had a meeting on September 28th at the Olivette City Hall. He said they wanted to show off their new City Hall. He said it was spectacular. He said he didn't know how many of you frequent Olivette, but it is a wonderful, beautiful building. He said he was actually jealous. The main discussion of the meeting was about the resolution that is proposed for tonight. They want the City to pass a resolution to say that we are against the restructuring of County and City government.

Councilman Wilson asked Sam, City Attorney, to speak on the resolution. Sam said the majority of municipalities in St. Louis County are passing a resolution opposing a statewide vote and mandate coming from a group like Better Together and other various entities that are interested in trying to tell you all what you can and cannot do with your city without allowing you to have a role to play or opinion to have or a vote or discussion yourself. These are outside entities that probably don't ever come to North County and have no clue of what's going on here and yet they are trying to tell you all what to do. Sam continued by saying they think that they know what's best for North County and all of the municipalities, even though they have no idea of how good your representatives are, how well your city is run, and they have no plan on how to deal with how to run your city and every other city if the day ever comes that their idea comes to past, which is to merge St. Louis County and St. Louis City and not allow you to have a say in that. So the resolution is a way to protect your ability to be at the table, should this idea progress, and have a say in whether there should be a merger. Whether you are allowed to maintain the identity of the City of Jennings. Whether you maintain your own government. He said it keeps you at the table. So the resolution is being passed almost unanimously by every municipality to oppose this idea that you not have a say about what they think is supposed to happen. Councilman Wilson thanked Sam for the explanation.

He reported that the upcoming Municipal League Meeting will be a little closer. If you are interested, it will be October 26th and it will be hosted by Beyond Housing. It will be at the Beyond Housing Headquarters. He explained that the headquarters is actually the old Garfield Elementary School. It borders Northwoods and Pine Lawn at 6614 Rightway. It starts at 6:30 p.m.

He gave a shout out to Julia. He said people are talking about Julia and he doesn't think she realizes it. At the Municipal League meeting, he heard nothing but good things about Councilwoman Roberts. He said he thought she recently attended the State Municipal League Convention. A lot of council people and mayors were impressed with her willingness to learn. They said she had great conversation and a bright future. He said he wanted to share that with the public. Julia is representing the City well in the public. He said we definitely appreciate hearing good things about our elected officials that represent our city.

Planning Commission – Councilman Stichnote reported October 5th at 5:45 pm there was a Planning Committee meeting. There were two things on the agenda. The first one was the youth studio at 8894 Jennings Station Road. The Planning Commission approved that and

wants to go forward with it. The petition for the sign ordinance for R1, R2, and R3 was turned down by the Planning Commission with two yes votes and three no.

Policy Committee - Councilwoman Jones reported that the policy committee had a meeting on Monday, October 2nd. Present were herself and the following councilmembers: Anderson, Wilson, Lt. Neal, Mayor- Yolanda Austin, Deletra Hudson - City Clerk and Allan Stichnote. She reported that the committee has policies for action. The committee typically move things that are pressing up to policies for action. She said she really enjoys working with the committee because they are getting a lot of work done. She thanked the Mayor for coming up with the things, and especially the City Clerk because she works hard to make sure that the committee gets those pressing policies. She keeps us on task.

Councilwoman Jones said the first thing the committee talked about was presented by Lt. Neal. Lt. Neal talked about a Light Duty Policy and Active Shooter Policy. The Light Duty Policy was reviewed and some of the language, as it related to nonwork-related vs work related issues, they wanted to clearly make sure that the language was very clear. They also discussed about adopting the policy citywide to make sure that it is not just for the Department of Corrections, but citywide, there is a clear Light Duty policy. The committee was making sure the policy was revised to be made general for the entire city. On the motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the committee voted in favor to recommend the Light Duty Policy to the City Council for approval. It was contingent upon making the proposed changes and adding verbiage regarding work related injuries. She asked the City Attorney if he had reviewed the policy. He responded that he had. She asked for a motion to approve the Light Duty Policy as presented. On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the council voted in favor to approve the Light Duty Policy; none opposing.

Next, Councilwoman Jones talked about the Active Shooter Policy. She said with all of the things going on in our country, we want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our city as safe as possible. She said the City had a security audit that was performed by St. Louis County a while ago. She said they have been implementing some measures to address some security concerns, such as adding metal detectors at City Hall for the Council meeting, changing the key entrance to a passcode access system, adding security monitors, and also reviewing our phone system. There is a whole policy. She thanked Lt. Neal for working very hard to put that together. On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the committee voted in favor to recommend to the Council an approval of the Active Shooter Policy. She asked Sam if he reviewed the policy. He responded that he did. She said she wanted to entertain a motion for the policy as well. On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the policy; none opposing.

Councilwoman Jones reported that the committee discussed the Employee Discipline Policy. She said the committee was still working on it and not ready to bring it forth. But just so that the rest of the Council knows, the committee is looking at really making sure that we have language that is clear about warning and any progressive discipline. She said they want to make sure it is right and so that if it goes across the board. She said the City has a lot of final warnings but what does that really mean. We want to make sure that we are using the same type of policy for everybody across the board. The committee is still working on that. She asked the council to expect for that policy to be brought back after the next meeting.

Councilwoman Jones said that the committee also did an Offensive Behavior Policy. The Chair asked the committee to review the policy and give their feedback. The revised policy added additional examples of conduct that is prohibited, which increased the number of examples from 22 to 32. There was discussion regarding item #8 of the policy examples which discussed employees' responsibility to report wrongdoing of other city employees. The committee agreed that they liked the additions and revisions made to the policy. She explained that there

were some things on the policy which included one thing added was that the committee wanted to make sure that they gave an opportunity for employees to be able to report the wrongdoing of other employees and make that part of the policy. So if they see something else going wrong, it is their responsibility to make sure that the City is doing everything they can to go that information out there. She said she thinks there were some of the other changes, but she didn't have them in front of her. She asked Sam if the changes looked ok. Sam said they did. Councilwoman Jones asked if there were any questions. Councilwoman Dugger said she wanted to know, for the Council that was not at the meeting, whether or not Councilwoman Jones could show what was added or what was deleted. She asked where was the original, so the Council would have it. Councilwoman Jones said she had a clean version. Councilwoman Dugger said since all the council received was the committee's finished product, would Councilwoman Jones mind getting something to the Council so that they could see and make the comparison as to what they are looking at so the Council will have a clear understanding of where they are going. Councilwoman Jones said give her a second. She might be able to pull it not. Dugger asked if she was going to make copies tonight for everybody. Councilwoman Jones responded with Yes because she wants to get the policy passed so that it gets on the book. Councilwoman Jones didn't locate her original version with the tracked corrections. She asked Councilwoman Dugger if it was ok to get it to her. Councilwoman Dugger said she wanted to make sure she got it to everybody. Councilwoman Jones said after the meeting, she would pull out the version the committee used to make the changes so that you can see exactly what it was. She said some of the things did include reporting of wrong doing of other employees. They added to make sure everything was in there: in subornation, fighting, unauthorized personal use of vehicle and equipment. Councilwoman Jones said the committee went through everything they could think of that may have been there that needed to be added. She said we will make sure to get that to you. Councilwoman Jones said it was recommended on the motion by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by councilman Wilson that the committee accepted the changes as presented. She asked for a motion to approve. On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson the Council voted in favor but Councilwoman Dugger abstained on the vote because she said she does want to see what she asked for. Councilwoman Jones said she will make sure to get that to her. Mayor Austin called for a recall on the vote. The following councilmembers voted in favor of approving the revised policy: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; Dugger abstained, none voting against.

Councilwoman Jones said the committee had one more thing and that was discussing Landlord Taxes. There was not action taken. But that was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Solid Waste Committee – Councilwoman C. Epps apologized to the Mayor and the Council that she wasn't about to attend the meeting of the waste committee that was held by Councilman Stichnote. She asked if it was OK for Councilman Stichnote to give the report. Councilman Stichnote reported that he and Mayor Austin met with Waste Management today at 12:30 pm. They discussed several things about the trash contract and the service. One of them was the yard waste. They said they corrected that. They hadn't received any bad reports on it. He said in Rodney's Ward, there was a street missed. They said that was corrected and they talked to Rodney about that. They had some concerns about people not paying their trash bills. They said there is a way to check some of them; but some of them can't be checked because the resident may have moved. They said some of the people are putting their trash out too late. They also talked about cable wires hanging too low and their trucks would rip them down.

Councilman Stichnote said to the public, if they had trash complaints, the best way to address it is to call City Hall and they will be directed to the Building dept. The Building Dept. will call Dan Hannah personally. He will then call the home office. If the home office gets any complaints about the City of Jennings, they are supposed to be directed to him. Councilman Stichnote said we will see how that works out.

He said he also noticed some confusion on bulky items. He reported that you are allowed to put out one bulk item, not two or three, every week. That was another concern, large items not being picked up. He said you are supposed to call in if there is an item that they cannot handle. They are supposed to call the office and they will send someone out to help them lift it up. He asked Henry Johnson about the complaint from Waste Management regarding cable wires hanging too low. Waste Management is supposed to get the City a list of the streets that have the wires hanging low. He asked Mr. Johnson if the law states that the wires should be 14 feet high.

Mayor Austin added that there is one bulk item weekly that will be picked up free. If you need an additional one, you would have to get the stickers from the Finance Department.

Councilwoman Dugger addressed the Mayor, Allan and Carol stating that she didn't know if they would recall but the complaint about wires being low has been forever. She said if people are still not getting their trash picked up because of that complaint from Waste Management, that has been out there for two years. Councilman Stichnote said Waste Management was supposed to have gotten another truck that is lower. Mayor Austin said they are bringing another truck that is lower. They were only saying that it was a complaint. They did not say they were not doing it because of that. They are bringing a smaller truck. Councilman Epps said he has had to call them on more than one occasion for Hodiamont. The same block that Public Works is in, because they have to bring back a smaller truck. He said he was wondering about the cable wires and the phone wires. Are they too low? Are they meeting the standards? Are they where they should be legally? Mayor Austin said Waste Management thinks they are too low. Councilman Epps asked if they gave an idea of how high they think the wires are supposed to be. Councilman Stichnote said they estimated that they had to be 14 feet. Councilman Epps asked if the law says they have to be 14 feet. Councilman Stichnote said he would have Henry check it out. Councilman Epps said on Hodiamont, they have had to call them more than once. Councilman Stichnote clarified that the issue was in the 5800 block of Hodiamont. Mayor said that he said he would get the City the street that he knows and that would be something that we can have Henry to look at. She said a lot of the things have been happening for years, but she is trying to go in and correct the problems when they can. Mayor Austin said the problems have been let go and not addressed. Councilman Stichnote said there was one more thing. If there is a complaint turned in to Waste Management, it should be taken care of within 24 hours. They are not supposed to tell you that they will pick it up the next week.

Beautification Committee - Councilman Dugger said she didn't get anything so she guess there is no report. Carol Westoff said she left the report with the receptionist to put in the mailbox. Councilwoman Dugger said she picks up her mail on the weekend and doesn't usually go back into her mailbox on the day of the meeting. Councilwoman Dugger said for Carol to call her to let her know that she has something. She said she had a bunch of stuff on her desk and seat when she got to the meeting today. So if it is there, she doesn't know that it is a report.

Youth Commission – Earl Green, Recreation Director, reported that the Youth Commission met on October 12th at 5:30 p.m. The Commission discussed “Know Your Rights” and they talked to Captain Cox. He reported that they also talked about the Movie Night, which was held on the past Friday at the Civic center. He said, from his understanding, it went well. They also met about Human Trafficking, the Citywide Trunk or Treat, which is October 28th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Earl said he had documentation on the event with him.

Senior Commission – Ms. Lola Nash, Commission Chair, reported the Commission met on October 17th. There were seven people present plus the Mayor. They had a table at the National Night Out event. The Commission gave out helpful information for the senior citizens of Jennings. She said the event was nice. At the Commission meeting, they discussed trying to

get someone to come in and teach a computer and midday exercise class. She said everything cost money, so they are still talking. That concluded her report.

Legal Business

1. First reading - On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, second by Councilman Stichnote. The Council voted in favor of the first reading.

Bill #2512 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO CORYELLE ABNEY TO OPERATE A YOUTH DANCE STUDIO DBA AUXILIARY STUDIO AT 8894 JENNINGS STATION ROAD IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson.

The bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2459 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; none absent; none voting against nor abstaining.

2. First reading - On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, second by Councilman Stichnote. The Council voted in favor of the first reading.

Bill #2513 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO HENRY LINDSEY AND CHARLES PEOPLES TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND RETAILING OF USED AUTOMOBILES KNOWN AS P & H AUTO SALES AT 8878 JENNINGS STATION ROAD IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilwoman Roberts, seconded by Councilman R. Epps.

The bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2460 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; none absent; none voting against nor abstaining.

3. First reading - On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, second by Councilman R. Epps. The Council voted in favor of the first reading.

Bill #2514 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO KELVIN BAUCOM TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME/MORTUARY KNOWN AS BAUCOM'S LIFE CELEBRATION & CREMATION FACILITY AT 9480 AND 9450 LEWIS AND CLARK BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilwoman Roberts, seconded by Councilman R. Epps.

The bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2461 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps, none absent; none voting against nor abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of a Resolution – Notice of Election for April 3, 2018

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the Council voted in favor of approving the resolution, none opposing nor abstaining.

2. Approval of a Resolution Urging St. Louis County council and Board of Alderman to oppose any legislation authorizing statewide vote regarding or mandating a change in government structure

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted in favor of approving the resolution, none opposing nor abstaining.

Councilwoman Dugger raised a question. She asked if the resolution say the City will oppose the resolution or is the vote for the resolution to oppose the action. Sam responded correct to voting for the resolution to oppose the action.

3. Approve appointment of Regina Herrington to the Youth Commission

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the appointment, none opposing nor abstaining.

4. Approval of an Adopt A Street – Jennings Jr High School College Preparatory Academy adopt Ada Worley for the two block length (Jennings Station Rd. to Cozens)

Councilwoman Dugger said she had to stop the Council because that's her street. She said to the Mayor that she wasn't aware of this at all. She said she is not in opposition of the Adopt A Street program, but she said she has been an resident on Ada Wortley for 22 years and she doesn't see that kind of trash. She said her initial thought on this is that there are two council people on that street, why would you start with them. She said there are other areas that we get complaints about every month that would rather see that happen. She said she is not in opposition of the program and getting the young people out to do something in their community. She said she is for all of that. Councilwoman Dugger said it looks a little strange that we are taking the first street as Ada Wortley.

Mayor Austin responded and said they (the petitioner) selected the streets.

Councilwoman Dugger said we are not dirty (referencing Ada Wortley street).

Councilman Wilson said the children selected that area. Another organization selected Cozens. He said the children like the street. He explained it wasn't selected because its dirty. He said a lot of them travel up and down the street to walk back and forth to school. They chose the street. Councilman Wilson said they are 7th and 8th graders. These are the Junior High School. He said he actually worked with some of the people in that group and they actually like the street and want to adopt it an keep it clean.

Councilwoman Dugger said now she has a better understanding because she had not been informed of this as a 22-year resident of the block and as the council person. She said she is also watching the young people as they move through afterschool. She asked is there a particular group that is going to be in charge of the process.

Mayor Austin said it says the Jennings Jr High School College Preparatory Academy with their teacher.

Councilwoman Dugger said since she was not in on that, she asked if she could offer any suggestion? Because of what she sees as a retiree Ada Wortley.

Councilman will send advised her that she can visit the school to talk to them. He said because there is not one particular group of students. Is it a college prep there's like a whole bunch of students in college prep. When they move on to high school there will be another group of college prep students Who will inherit What I started. He said it's like taking ownership of the street. It is not necessary that it is dirty. They are just traveling the road a lot it's a pride in it and I want to make sure he stays nice.

Councilman Dugger said actually not all of them or take them to buy. Councilman will soon see if he would not blame it on all of the college prep students. Councilman Dugger said she is not blaming it on. Particular group. She said she is simply saying, this process started without the council person involved. Wilson asked why would they go through any council person. He said they are basically saying that they are choosing the area to adopt and can you except us. They submitted a proposal.

Councilman Dugger said she has it now. She said she understands. She said but it said here that it is to clear all litter, debris and maintain. Councilman Wilson said that is part of the duties. But they might do some activities that does not involve cleaning on the street. He said this is actually to get more people involved in the streets. And taking ownership of the community. Then you will not have to have Council people hosting cleanups. It will be active groups who are doing things that are automatically going things because that's Their Street. They are claiming their street. And is not a gang claiming it. And they are actually doing it for a cause.

Councilman Dugger said a gang did claim the street and they had to have it removed to. Councilman Wilson said it will actually help the streets when the young people take ownership of the streets. Councilman Dugger said she got it. She said she understands. She said when she read it all of what he explained what's not included in there. She said it was not here. So when she read it, she did not see that as that is what the kids did because she was not informed of it. She told him he was, But she wasn't. She said that would've helped her. He apologized for not telling her. He said he is involved so many things. She said that she he is right across the street from her. He said it is a good thing. She said it is a great thing. Councilman Dugger said she just wanted to say that it looks like the council people were getting preference over something and she did not want that at all. She said it is a good thing and hopefully it will be adopted throughout the city. She said and what you can say to the School District is that they have complained on that street about them walking on the yards, for being on the yard, and doing a lot of things, cursing up-and-down the street as well. So this piece did not say any of that. She said less in contact. For all kids not just college prep. And have the prep maybe monitoring it.

Mayor Austin said she wanted to add that the blocks where the houses are on Ada Wortley is clean but they are going to go all the way to Jennings. She said she has noticed that there is trash along the fence and River Road . So, they will not just go on the block where the houses are, they will all go all the way down to Jennings Station Road.

Councilman Dugger said the wind blows a lot of that up. She say I can't she say to the mayor back the owner of the property spoke with Mr. Johnson and her. They took a ride around the property and they are responsible for cleaning it up. She asked Mr. Johnson was that correct. She said they talked about also taking all of the old brush down. She said she is not composing adopt the streets. She saying she was not important. And she said she should've been for the record.

Councilman Wilson said, for the record, the program is through the city. He said maybe she

should check once a month to see who is adopting what streets because he is not going to know every street. He said he just happened to be at the school when it was going on. He said we have to check on a regular basis.

On the motion made by Councilwoman C. Epps, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the Adopt a Street proposal from the Jennings Jr High School College Preparatory Academy; none opposing nor abstaining.

5. Approval of bills for payment – Memo from the Mayor

There was a memo submitted from the Mayor which outlined the status of the bills paid and requesting permission to continue to pay bills in the absence of the Finance Director. Mayor Austin again thanked Teresa and Joann for making sure the City is able to meet payroll and payment of the bills. Councilwoman Jones asked Mayor Austin if the Council could discuss the memo in closed session because it is personnel.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, the Council voted in favor of approving the bills for payment; None opposing nor abstaining.

6. Motion for closed session legal, real estate, and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 2, 3)

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the City Council voted to approve the motion for closed session legal, real estate, and personnel (RSMO 610:021- 1,2,3) by roll call vote of the following councilmembers: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, E. Epps, C. Epps; none absent; none voting against nor abstaining.

Mayor's report

Mayor Austin thanked Lt. Neal for making sure that the City has a metal detector at the front door in City Hall. She said they also have the doors locked at the police station. People have to buzz in between 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. The City also has cameras located at the front entrance of the City Hall, which is seen at the front desk and there will be another one in the City Clerk's office. She again thanked Lt. Neal for making sure that it was done.

Councilwoman Anderson asked when was it decided that the doors would be locked at the Police Department. Mayor Austin responded that there was no one at the front door. The Corrections Department has to buzz people in because they were getting a lot of people hanging out. When staff would come in in the morning, there would be people in the rest room or laying in the lobby. So that's why it was decided to be locked. And for safety reasons also.

Councilwoman Anderson asked for discussion on the topic. She said she thinks that someone from Corrections can be in the lobby because it's at night and most of the guys are sleep. So there are enough people that can rotate up to the lobby. Mayor Austin asked Lt. Neal to go to the mic.

Lt. Neal said they have secured the front lobby from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. for that fact that when he comes to the station in the mornings between 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m., he was wrestling people out of the men's and woman's bathrooms. They would be laying down sleeping. He said if someone goes in there and shoots up heroin and ODs in there, the City is probably looking at a lawsuit because the individual died on our city property. So in order to secure the lobby during that time, they put an electronic system up there. The officer in booking has a monitor and they push a button, the camera comes on, we can see them and ask them what their business is. If they need to enter the building to pay an alarm violation or trying to get in for safety reasons, they can be buzzed in. It secures the building from unwanted riff raff in the lobby at night hanging out. He continued to explain that on nights, there may be four officers scheduled

but if there is an officer on vacation or calls in sick, there is no way that someone to sit at the front lobby through the night shift. There is booking going on in the back. There are federal inmate downstairs and there has to be walk throughs every half hour. It would be impossible for someone to sit in the front lobby during the night hours.

Councilwoman Anderson asked how many people are working during that shift. He responded that there are four officers assigned to each shift. But right now, there are three people on midnights because the sergeant is on vacation. He said there is one who sit in the control tower all night. So that leaves two officers who are mobile. When you have prisoners coming in and out for booking, you can't leave one person in booking. That is a safety issue. If there is an inmate who decides they want to fight, the assistance is sitting at the front lobby having no clue as to what is going on in booking.

Councilwoman Dugger asked Lt. Neal how often had he had to come in at 7:30 a.m. and remove people from the restrooms. He responded for a while it was every other day. There was one individual and that's where he was camping out every day for a little over two weeks. He said there was also problems with him being in front of the stations. The individual would go out and stand in front of traffic all day. Councilwoman Dugger asked Lt. Neal if he was saying to the Council that, however many times that was, no one was walking through on those nights. She continued to say to Lt. Neal that he was coming in in the morning, so there was no one on the night shift walking through. Lt. Neal said that was addressed with the staff when they do their walk throughs that they need to check the bathrooms. He said he looked back at the video. He reported that they are walking through but they are not stopping and walking in the bathrooms.

Lt. Neal explained that it is also a security thing with the federal inmate downstairs. It prevents anybody rushing the lobby thinking they can get through the doors. That is the big issue, security. He said when you have 55 federal inmates downstairs, we don't need somebody who can come through the door and try to break through the lobby door thinking they are going to get downstairs.

Councilwoman Anderson asked how do they get through he lobby door. He responded that you come right through, the door is there. It would take much for someone with a batting ram to take a door down. Those are standard doors.

Councilwoman Jones asked about the Police Department being a safe place. That is the place that if someone wanted to abandon a kid or running away from an abusive situation. She said she is concerned about the response time because if someone is trying to leave a child and they buzz then they walk away, can you clearly see. Lt. Neal said there is a camera there when you buzzer goes off. The officer responds back, they can see what is exactly standing in front of the door. Councilwoman Jones asked, camera-wise, if they leave a child in a pumpkin seat on the ground, can they see if someone buzzes then walks away. Lt. Neal said yes. You have four sets of doors. There are the two doors when you walk in , then you have the walk way. Then there is the second set of doors. The second set of doors is what is secured. Councilwoman Jones got clarity by asking that they can step into the lobby then there are the second set of doors. Lt. Neal responded yes.

Councilwoman Anderson said that they can just walk in and stand there.

Councilwoman Roberts said she said a while ago there were talks about officers actually, when the contract was renewed for St. Louis County, being on duty a little bit longer. Lt. Neal responded that the County Officers are there until 10 p.m. He said there is someone there from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. She said she thought the additional Prop P money was going to be allocated. Councilwoman Jones said we haven't gotten the Prop P money.

Captain Cox said for one position, which would be a desk sergeant position, that's six bodies. He said the City provided four bodies. So that covered a day and afternoon shift. They don't cover the midnight shift because that's what those other two bodies would have done. He said with those four officers, they work the day and afternoon shift because you also will have to account for days off. So when one person is off, the other person is working.

Councilwoman Dugger asked why are they just hearing that. He said he spoke on that a long time ago. He said he didn't know why she is just not hearing it. She said the council has not heard that they didn't have someone schedule to work there from the proposition from 12 until 6. She said they are just now hearing this, not just her, Sir.

Councilwoman Anderson asked Captain Cox why can't the shift be switched around since his officers are moving throughout the day. She said he can do the same thing, push the button if someone needs to come in or when they come in they can see who is coming in. She said that place needs to be open at night. She said they cannot wait on someone to buzz them in. The police department needs to be open 24:7. Captain Cox said he can't speak for why nobody from Corrections is there but what they did was looked at the crime analysis sheet, they have more people coming into the lobby during those times. That's why there is a police officer there at those times. After 10 p.m., there are far less people coming into the jail. He said he also thinks everybody needs to understand that this is a jail with federal inmates in there. One with ties to Isis. It would not take very much for somebody to breach that door and for a whole lot of commotion to take place with only four Corrections Officers in the building. Councilwoman Anderson said with that being said, maybe there needs to be someone there at night with it being that situation. Captain Cox said because they don't have anybody there at night, this door locking mechanism is the best alternative, if you can't have a live body there because one, you get to enter the building and through the first set of doors, you are on camera, then you are buzzed in. But there is a certain expectation of safety that has to be provided in that building. That is the main thing. That's why the door locking mechanism came up because there has been assaults in the lobby that he spoke about when he first got to the City. It is a very insecure building and it is a jail. So it made no sense for nobody to be working in that lobby area.

Councilman Epps said if you had someone sitting in the lobby, you would still have to buzz people in. If you had federal prisoners in there, you said one prison with ties to Isis, it still needs to be shut down.

Councilwoman Dugger said her thought was that you have a bunch of people working in the day. There are enough people in the day shift for the corrections, apparently enough people for the police. She said she thinks what Anderson is saying is that something needs to be switched around. She said we need to utilize the resources as best we can because there are enough people in the day on both sides. She said what is happening that they can't switch. Captain Cox said he would argue that they have enough people. He said he definitely doesn't think they have enough people. Councilwoman Dugger asked if they didn't during the daytime. Captain Cox said they do not have enough people from a police perspective to monitor the desk for 24 hours. Councilwoman Dugger said but the doors are open during the day so apparently there are enough people to man it. Captain Cox said it is a safety risk. To have the doors open with nobody in the lobby at night is a safety risk. She said she is saying that there is nobody in the lobby during the day either, right. Captain Cox said No, there is a desk officer at the desk from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Councilman Epps said it is empty from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Captain Cox said Yes. Councilman Epps said even if you had somebody in there sitting out, you still need to be locked down. You should still have to buzz somebody in just for safety. Captain Cox said it is more unacceptable to have a building open with nobody up there, where there are people shooting drugs in the bathrooms. He said he has kicked people out and he gets there after 8 a.m. He said he also

had somebody assaulted with a 2x4 in there. That is all civil liability that you guys are going to have to deal with. Councilwoman Dugger said that why she agrees. She continued by saying there are a lot of people working during the daytime. We need to utilize the resources that we currently have and see if we can move somebody to the night.

Councilman Epps said it still has to be locked down. If the doors are open at 2 or 3 in the morning, somebody can come in there with heavy artillery, blow that door and be in there in a split second. Captain Cox said it will not take that much. If they have a battering ram, like Lt. Neal said, they can breach that door and go in and wreak havoc on four security officers who are not armed.

Sam asked when the buzzer is being used from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m., what is generally the response time or how long does it take for somebody to hear the buzzer and open the door if somebody needs to come in. Captain Cox said he tested the buzzer when he got back from the civil disturbance. He said he went out to the lobby, hit the button, and right away somebody contacted him. He said he asked if the camera was clear. They told him that the camera was clear. He said in his opinion this is the best alternative we have other than a live body being in the lobby which is going to cost you more manpower for that. Sam said he is trying to get an idea that under the system that is proposed, if somebody needs to get in there with you using this buzzer system, are they going to be able to get in there one way or the other. Or at least you all check on it to see if they are coming in relatively quickly. Captain Cox said yes. He said if they didn't have the mechanism when people would come into the building at night, a lot of time people had no idea they were in the building because the people monitoring the cameras would be doing something else, which would be Corrections responsibility for the security of the office. With this, you can't enter the building without being seen after 10 p.m.

Mayor Austin said she had a few more things on her report. She said she did speak with MyGov. There were a lot of concerns with the Building Department and the Public Works Department, so she spoke with a representative. She said she sent them an email of a couple of the problems that we are having. He admitted that there was a step that one of the departments wasn't doing. So they are working on that. He is also going to do some follow up training with the department heads in both departments and the Mayor.

She said she wants to continue to encourage residents to put their complaints on the citywide page. She said we are also trying to get as many phone numbers as we can from different residents so that we can do phone blast for different meetings and different updates. She said the public can put their information on the website and leave their phone numbers or leave them with the City Clerk. Mayor Austin said we are trying to get the message out to as many people as we can.

Mayor Austin concluded her report.

Councilwoman Anderson asked how could she come back to revisit this situation with Corrections. Mayor Austin said she could schedule a meeting to talk with her. Councilwoman Anderson said she wants the whole council involved. Mayor Austin asked what else did she want to talk about. Councilwoman Anderson said she wants to see if the City can hire someone else to man that desk since we are short.

Mayor Austin called for a five-minute break before closed session.

After a brief recess, the City Council members were all present and met in closed session. Also present were the Interim City Attorney, Sam Alton and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson. The following actions were taken:

PERSONNEL

Hire Deputy City Clerk

On the motion made by Councilwoman C. Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation of the City Clerk to hire Kareen McNeal as the Deputy City Clerk and the following alternates, in the order presented, if Kareen cannot accept the position. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote of council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps: none were absent, voting against nor abstaining.

Alternates: 1. Tonya Tuck 2. Tita Bossita

Hire Corrections Officers

On the motion made by Councilwoman C. Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation of Lt. Neal of the Department of Correction to hire two new corrections officers and the following alternates, in the order presented by the following roll call vote of the council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps: none were absent, voting against nor abstaining. Below is the list of approved new hires and alternates.

New hires: Terrell Shumpert and Freddie Holloway

Alternates: Tenechia Jackson, Vernon Lloyd, sparkle Haney, Terry Smith, JoAnn Bonds, Terrina Brown

Compensatory Time for Public Works

After much discussion, on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the City Council voted to approve allowing two Public Works employees to assist with the Better Family Life clean-up for the City of Jennings on Saturday, October 28, 2017. The workers will receive comp time for the work. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Wilson, Anderson, R. Epps, C. Epps; Dugger and Roberts voted against; Jones abstained.

The Public Works Director will select the employees to work.

Claims of inappropriate activity of staff

Councilwoman Anderson informed the City Council of an issue with personnel in the Building Department not entering information into the MyGov system. The acts were claimed to be fraudulence. The Council discussed the matter. The City Attorney disagreed that based upon what was said that the personnel actions were fraudulent. Mayor Austin informed the Council that she was addressing the issue. There was no action taken on this item.

LEGAL


The Interim City Attorney, Sam Alton, briefed the City Council on pending legal issue(s) involving the City:

Ozenkoski vs City of Jennings

Sam read a letter addressed to him from an attorney with MoPerm representing the City on the case with Glen Ozenkoski. Sam reminded the Council that they already voted to approve the recommendation at the last meeting. He also reiterated that after the settlement is approved, Mr. Ozenkoski will be allowed to start over with the City with a clean slate. There was no additional action needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m. on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. The council voted to approve motion by the following roll

call vote: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; absent none opposing nor abstaining.


Mayor, Yolanda Austin

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk